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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Highlights and Developments February 1987

Title: 1. President's Pay Proposals

Bill No.: H J Res 102 (as an amendment) S Res 34

and 42

House Post Office & Civil Service, Committee:

Senate Governmental Affairs

Status: Both Senate and House had to vote to disapprove the proposed raises by midnight 3 February 1987. The Senate voted to do so on 29 January. The House voted to disapprove the increase on 4 February, one day after the deadline had expired. Most congressional observers believe that the House vote was invalid and that the raises will go into effect. There may be subsequent legal or legislative challenges.

SIS increases are linked to the Impact: increases for the Senior Executive Service and thus will go into effect 15 February as well.

2. Title: Federal Employees' Political Activities Act of 1987

Bill No.: HR 20 Sponsor: Rep. ( Rep. Clay (D., MO)

Committee: Post Office and Civil Service

Status: Introduced 7 January 1987

Would permit federal employees to Impact: participate voluntarily in political activities so long as they do not compromise the integrity of the merit system or the impartial functions of the government.

3. Title: Tax Reform Act of 1986 - 3 year

recovery rule

Bill No.: HR 24 (HR 130, HR 398 et al)

69 (S 99)

Rep. Russo (D., IL) Sponsor:

Sen. Trible (R., VA)

Committee: House Ways & Means, Senate Finance

Introduced 7 January 1987 Status:

The bill would change the Tax Reform Impact:

Act of 1986 and restore the 3 year recovery rule benefit. Outlook: Questionable because both Committees are committed to blocking changes to the Tax Reform bill, but possibly easier to deal with as a free standing single

issue.

Title: Whistle Blowers Protection Act of 1987 4.

Bill No.: HR 25

Sponsor: Rep. Schroeder (D., CO) Committee: Post Office & Civil Service Status: Introduced 6 January 1987

Identical to a bill passed by the House Impact:

in 99th Congress. It reaffirms government support for whistle blowers and provides protection for those who expose

fraud and waste. Outlook: Will probably pass again.

5. Title: Forfeiture Of Retirement Benefits

Bill No.: HR 32

Sponsor: Rep. Broomfield (R., MI) Committee: Post Office & Civil Service Status: Introduced 6 January 1987

Impact: Would deny retirement benefits to federal employees convicted of a felony of unauthorized disclosure to a covert agent.

6. Title: Computer Security Act of 1987

Bill No.: HR 145

Sponsor: Rep. Glickman (D., KS) et al

Committee: Jointly to Government Operations and Science, Space & Technology.

Status:

Introduced 7 January 1987 Impact: Authorizes the National Bureau of Standards to establish a program to increase the awareness of computer security. The problem is that the Agency has unique computer security needs and must have its own authority to run its system. This difference in view will have to be worked out with the staff of the Government Operations Committee.

Title: 7. Federal Employee Health Benefits Program

Bill No.: HR 384

Rep. Oakar (D., OH) Sponsor:

Committee: Post Office & Civil Service Status: Introduced 7 January 1987

Impact: Establishes a 3 year demonstration

beginning in 1989 for model programs to improve effectiveness of drug and alcohol abuse programs for federal employees.

Outlook: Similar legislation was passed in the House in the 99th Congress but the Senate failed to act on it.

8. Title: Federal Pay Management Act of 1987 Bill No.: HR 386 Sponsor: Rep. Oakar (D., OH) Committee: Post Office & Civil Service Status: Introduced 7 January 1987 Provides for alternative systems of Impact: compensation, expedited authority for federal agencies to increase rates of pay for certain occupations, particularly those involved in national security, who are experiencing difficulties in recruiting and retention. 9. Title: Federal Equitable Pay Practices Act of 1987 Bill No.: HR 387 Sponsor: Rep. Oakar (D., OH) Committee: Post Office & Civil Service Introduced 7 January 1987 Status: Impact: Establishes a study and a board to examine federal pay practices to determine whether there is discrimination based on gender, race or ethnicity. Title: 10. Tax Equity for Federal Retirees Bill No.: HR 388 Sponsor: Rep. Oakar (D., OH) Jointly to Ways & Means and Post Office Committee: & Civil Service Status: Introduced 6 January 1987 Impact: See under HR 24 Outlook: Questionable. See under HR 24 11. Title: Optional Early Retirement Program for Federal Workers Bill No.: S 42 Sponsor: Sen. Roth (R., DE) Committee: Governmental Affairs Status: Introduced 6 January 1987 The bill has a provision that would Impact: impose a personnel ceiling based on the number of people who retire early. This would not be acceptable and we will track this bill carefully.

Senator Roth which the Senate considered but took no action.

Outlook:

This is similar to a bill introduced by

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12.
           Title:
                       Parental and Medical Leave Act of 1987
           Bill No.:
                       S 249
           Sponsor:
                       Senator Dodd (D,CT)
           Committee: Governmental Affairs
                       Introduced 6 January 1987
           Status:
                       Would liberalize leave policies for
           Impact:
 Federal employees in cases, for example, of prolonged
  illness of children.
      13.
          Title:
                       Integrity in Post Employment Act of 1987
          Bill No.:
                      S 237
          Sponsor:
                      Senator Thurmond (R,SC)
          Committee: Judiciary
          Status:
Impact:
                      Introduced 6 January 1987
                      Prohibits Members of Congress and
 Government employees from attempting to influence U S
 Government policy and from representing a foreign entity for
 a prescribed period.
     14.
          Title:
                      Drug Testing for Federal Employees
          Bill No.:
                      HR 280
          Sponsor:
                      Rep Ackerman (D, NY)
          Committee: Post Office & Civil Service
          Status:
                      Introduced 6 January 1987
          Impact:
                      Places certain restrictions on drug
 testing by federal agencies.
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